Lesson 3

Please, Thank You, and You’re Welcome! (15 pts.)

*(the magic words, in any language)*

When you make new acquaintances, and even new friends, in your host country, it is important that you treat **everyone** you meet with respect and courtesy, in order to establish a good rapport (huh?) and to make a good impression as an American in your host country.

Here is your task:

**First, log on to:** [**www.survivalphrases.com**](http://www.survivalphrases.com)

**Second, select the language of your culture.**

**Third, find the lesson for “Getting What You Want”.**

**Finally, download the PDF file to read while you click on the Audio file to listen to your lesson.**

**Answer the following questions. Don’t forget to upload all three sets of audio files and worksheets to the WIKI when finished!**

1. How do you say “Please” in your host culture? qing
2. Are there any other ways to say “Please”? When are they used? List them here:

Qing gei wo, qing gei wo zhege, qing gei won age.

1. Are there any special situations where the word or phrase for “Please” can be used? (hint: check for “Quick Tips”)

While you are ordering in a restaurant or when you are at a store and asking the vendor the price of something.

***(continue on to do the lesson on “Thank you.”)***

**Find the lesson for “Thank you.”**

**Download the PDF file to read while you listen to the Audio file for your lesson.**

**Answer the following questions once you have finished your lesson**:

1. What is the expression for “Thank you.” In your host culture? Xie xie
2. Name at least three situations where you should respond with “Thank you” in your host culture:

When someone gives you something

In a restaurant when the waitress gives you your food

When the waitress pours your drink

1. Are there any other special expressions for special situations? What are they? For example, are there sometimes when you need to be more respectful? Does it depend upon whether you know the person or not?

No.

1. How do you express a degree of thankfulness in your host culture (for example, “Thank you very much!)? Duo xie

***(continue on to do the lesson on “You’re welcome!”)***

**Find the lesson for “You’re welcome!”**

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**Answer the following questions once you have finished your lesson**:

1. Is there a universal (appropriate for all situations) way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it? Yes, “Mei Shi.”

What are some of the situations where you can use it? (hint: check “Quick Tips”)

At times when no thanks are needed.

1. Is there a more formal way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it?

Bu keqi.

1. What are any other ways to say “You’re welcome!”? Bu yong xie

***(Looking ahead: Your next lesson will be on how to introduce yourself and to ask for someone else’s name)***